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CELLULAR TELEPHONE FACILITIES BY DOT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have announced to provide cellular telephone facilities to smaller sized town through the Department of Telecommunications (DOT);
- (b) if so, the criteria laid down for selecting such towns;
- (c) the names of towns and Municipalities selected in various States of the country, State-wise; and
- (d) the names of the towns where works have already been started and proposed to be started during 2000-2001?.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d) : Deptt. of Telecom Services has proposed to introduce cellular telephone facilities initially as a pilot project covering 4 States of the country. The areas have been selected to gain experience in operation of such a system in different working conditions. After successful implementation of the Pilot project, case for wider introduction of cellular services shall be considered. The cities proposed for pilot project are given in the Annexure. The proposed service is expected to start during the year 2000-2001.

ANNEXURE

CIRCLE CITY

Andhra Pradesh Hyderabad

 Vijayawada

 Tirupati

 Guntur

 Vishakapatnam

 Amlapuram

 Kakinada

Bihar Patna

 Biharsharif

 Hazipur

 Badh

 Arah

 Rajgir

Tamil Nadu Chennai

 Madurai

 Coimbatore

West Bengal Calcutta

 Haldia